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Filling in the Gaps Lesson 14A
Why God's people suffer

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We will begin this lesson in the book of Job. One of the objections that lost and saved people have against God is that He does not order the universe to their liking. Now they would not say in that manner; they would say why did God let this happen to me or why do good people have trouble in their lives? To answer the first question, who are you or I that God should not let any trouble come into our lives? Second question is we say why does God let bad things happen in the lives of good people? – that is not a biblical question. The Bible says Romans 3:10 *As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:* We all would like things to go a little more smoother. We would all like our lives to be less trouble free.

The Bible says in Job chapter 5: 6. *Although affliction cometh not forth of the dust,* sure does seem like it does, just clean you house and when you get up the next morning there is dust. Where did it come from? Dust just shows up. The Bible says? Affliction is like that. It just shows up. It doesn't really come from anywhere. *...neither doth trouble spring out of the ground;* Job 5:7 trouble just seems to find us. *7 Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward.* Here is science right out of the Bible. If you light a fire and the sparks go up, you are going to have trouble.

Job 14:1 *Man that is born of a woman* the only way you can be born. *Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.* What type of person is going to have trouble in their life? Someone who is born of a woman. Before you say why am I having trouble? It is not because you turned right and you should have turned left. It is not because you chose green and you should have chosen blue. It is because that is just part of life since Adam sinned. However you can bring more trouble into your life, by disobeying the laws of God and government. (Proverbs 13:15)

God always seems to get the blame, yet He is not to blame Romans 5:12 *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:* All of this trouble came from man and falls upon man. God's the one that eventually will deliver those that are saved from the trouble. In the meantime everyone on Earth is going to have trouble.

People who are reading their Bibles, witnessing, preaching, praying for others, yet they have back problems, cancer, lupus, stomach issues, arthritic fingers, their hearts are broken over the death of lost loved ones, these and many other problems are not going away just because you and we do things we think will please God. We think that bad things should happen to bad

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people and good things should happen to good people, but that it our way of thinking, not God's. God is just, fair and loving, a day of judgment is coming, but while we live on this earth, we are all subject to the same according to God's word. Job 14:1 *Man that is born of a woman* the only way you can be born. *Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.* It is just **LIFE!** If you quit serving the Lord because some bad thing happened in your life, it will not matter because the sparks still fly upward!

TROUBLE IN OBEDIENCE

We all know of Elijah. Elijah was a great prophet, he was the first of the great prophets. God points to him at the beginning of his prophetic ministry.

1 Kings 17:2-7 *And the word of the LORD came unto him, saying, 3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan. 4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there.* (What a miraculous act of God's power) 5 *So he went and did according unto the word of the LORD...* God is directing this man specifically. Elijah does exactly what God tells him to do.

Verse 6, *And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank of the brook. 7 And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up....* (Wait just a minute) Elijah is exactly where God told him to get water. Elijah drank water from that brook every morning, afternoon, evening. One day Elijah goes down to get water from the brook and guess what? There is no water in the brook where God told Him to go to get water. What did he do wrong? What transgression did he commit? Where did he fail to give God enough of his life?

Let us read the rest of the verse, *because there had been no rain in the land.* When the rain stopped the brook dried up.

- What if you are the bad evil king in the story? No water.
- What if you are the servants in the palace of the bad evil king in the story? No water.
- What if you are the prophet that is on his way to preach to the bad evil king? There is still no water.

Elijah is walking in obedience to the word of God. He has done what God told him to do. But it did not exempt him from the troubles of life. What befalls one befalls another. *“Well, that’s not something to shout about...”* But it is something for us all to understand. If a hurricane comes through here next month (and it might) and the power goes out because the poles are down and the transformers blow up, the lights are not going to stay on in your house because you are saved.

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1 Kings 17:1, *And Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.* It ended up being three and one half years of no rain. Elijah is sent by God to preach a message. There will be no rain in the land for three and a half years. God directs Elijah to go to the last place in the land where he can get water; but eventually even that water dries up. Wouldn't Elijah be tempted to say *God, why is there no water for me... I've served you and I've obeyed you?*

What we need to understand is that the word of God decreed there would be no water. If that is what the word of God says our obedience to the word of God might uphold us longer and keep us out of trouble longer than those who do not obey the word of God. But, eventually what God said in His word is going to come to pass.

Our trouble is we want God to nullify the Bible and just pick out a few verses to name and claim and stand on. Fortunately, we get all the word of God, it is pure, it is perfect it is always truthful and full of wisdom. Psalm 12:6 *The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.* Psalm 18:30 *As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him.* Psalm 136:5 *To him that by wisdom made the heavens: for his mercy endureth for ever.* Titus 1:2 *In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;*

Sparks fly upward... We are going to have trouble. God can minimize the trouble if we are obedient to Him. We may have a lesser degree of trouble if we walk according to His word. But we are not going to find an escape from all trouble until we leave these earthly bodies and are present with the Lord.

The Bible says our lives are as a shadow, a flower or withered grass. Psalms 102:11 *My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass.* Psalms 103:15 *As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.* Our time is short upon this earth, 100 years from now who cares or how much money we made or what kind of car we drove. Let's serve Him... let's love Him... let's preach His word – we will be with Him for all eternity, let's show Him that we loved him enough to do something for Him.

TROUBLE IN THE PROMISE LAND

Genesis 12:1-9 Here is a man named Abram; and he gets a visit from the LORD. There is only about a half a dozen of people in the Old Testament that ever had a personal visit from the LORD. *Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall*

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all families of the earth be blessed. Abram did what God said... *4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran. 5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.* Where did God tell him to go? Canaan. Where did he end up? Canaan. He's in the perfect will of God in obedience to the word of God following the directions of God. Verse 6. *And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land. 7 And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.* (He's worshipping God in that place.) *8 And he removed from thence unto a mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Hai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD.* (Still in God's perfect will) Genesis 12:10. *And there was a famine in the land:* That is not what you would have expected. That is not what Abram was counting on. Abram is probably thinking about what God told him *2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.* Sparks fly upward in Genesis 12

We want you to understand the prophet went to the brook God told him to go to and the water dried up. The patriarch went to the land of promise where God told him to go and when he got there, there was a famine there. We want you to understand that just because you are saved you are still going to have trouble, your aches and pains are not going to disappear and your bank account is not going to increase, the Bible never teaches the stuff you hear by those con men on religious TV. Trouble is part of life. Trouble in obedience; trouble in the Promised Land. You can have it with God or without God but you're going to have it. That is a fact ...from the Bible.

TROUBLE IN THE WILDERNESS (JESUS CHRIST)

Take a look in the scriptures in Matthew chapter 3. He was born of a woman. Jesus Christ (the Word) was made flesh.(John 1:14) He was not born of a man. See – the Bible is so perfect. He is born of a woman. If Jesus Christ came into this world born of a woman, He is going to have some trouble. Jesus never sinned; but He is surrounded by sinners. Jesus never sinned but He is in a world that where sin permeates everything.

Matthew chapter 3 and verse 16. *And Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he*

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saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:17 And lo a voice from heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Some of you say you do not believe in the trinity. The Son of God is in the water, the Spirit of God is coming down from heaven and the Father is in heaven. There is the trinity. Matthew 4, verse 1... *then was Jesus led up of the spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.* The Father just said I am well pleased with my Son. Then Jesus is led into the wilderness to be harassed by the devil for forty days and forty nights. Even the best man in God's universe had trouble.

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Name _____

(*) All answers must have scripture back-up to receive full credit

1. Why did Jesus have trouble in his life?

2. What did Elijah do wrong that caused the brook to dry up?

3. When you see a fire, what verse do you think of?*

4. Why does God allow bad people to get out of trouble?

5. If the power goes out in your house as a result of a hurricane, you should just go over to a Christian's house because they will have power.

6. Why is it a good thing that both bad people and good people have trouble?

7. Will it matter in 100 years if you had trouble in your life?

8. Will you remember what that trouble was you had 100 years ago?

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9. Explain Matthew 5:45 in relation to this Bible Lesson:

10. What will matter in your life 100 years from now?

11. Why do you think the Religious fakers on TV preach and teach that your life will be trouble free when you let Jesus come into your life?

12. Many do not believe the trinity, show us a verse mentioned in this lesson where the trinity is shown clearly.*

13. What verse proves that there are no good people?*

True/false

- Good things only happen to good people.
- Good things only happen to bad people.
- Bad things happened to Jesus Christ.
- All people have trouble that is just life.



Scripture memorization - Write out these verses on the back on this page:

Romans 3:10; Job 5:7; Job 14:1

(must be in KJV)

any questions?